

“RRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEETING 14 SUMMARY

Thursday, July 10, 2008

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Missoula FWP Headquarters

3201 Spurgin Road

Missoula

- **Opening and Agenda Overview**

- Charlie Sperry ~ FWP Recreation Management Specialist

- Charlie opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda.

- **Description of Meeting Exercise**

- Charlie Sperry

- Charlie explained an exercise in which the committee would develop a list of recommended management actions that should be implemented right away to address the management challenge of recreationist behavior in Reach 6. The committee would then complete a similar exercise for other reaches and management challenges and identify conditions that would trigger additional management actions in the future.

- **Exercise (Part I) – Reviewing the Desired Conditions for New Reach 6 (Whitaker Bridge to Johnsrud – Previously Reach 5) and the Management Challenge of Recreationist Behavior.**

- The committee began the exercise by reviewing the Reach Description and Desired Conditions for Reach 6. They then reviewed a description of the management challenge of Recreationist Behavior and a list of management actions they developed earlier in the planning process. The committee provided clarifying and/or special information to consider when developing a list of recommended management actions for addressing recreationist behavior problems in Reach 6:

- There are differences in use when comparing weekends and holidays to weekdays.
 - Temperatures and river flows can influence use.
 - Multiple groups comprised of the maximum group size utilizing the river at the same time may have an influence.
 - Because the maximum group size was originally created for Reach 5 (Roundup to Johnsrud), the reach distance in new Reach 6 (Whitaker Bridge to Johnsrud) is now shorter. This may have an influence.
 - New Reach 6 is contained entirely on public land and there are no homes present.

- The committee then reviewed the list of management actions they had previously developed to address the management challenge of recreationist behavior.

- **Exercise (Part II) – Describing Management Actions that FWP and/or the BLM Have Already Implemented**

- Chris Lorentz ~ Blackfoot River Recreation Manager

- Chris, along with the help of other committee members recalled management actions that have already been implemented in Reach 6 to address recreationist behavior. Those management actions include the following:

- Eliminated long-term parking at the beach at Johnsrud
 - Expanded parking at Johnsrud
 - Re-designed access at Whitaker Bridge
 - Established “No Parking” and “Loading Only” Zones
 - Coordinated ticketing and towing procedures and established cooperative multi-agency law enforcement efforts
 - Repaired fencing, installed latrines, maintained trails, and roads, and delineated campsites
 - Provided Emergency phones
 - Banned and enforced the use of glass containers
 - Established the Blackfoot SRP Program
 - Enforced camping fee compliance with a “no tolerance” approach to fee violations
 - Installed a new concrete boat ramp at Johnsrud
 - Increased information and signage
 - Eliminated camping at Johnsrud
 - Assisted in establishing a mesh trash bag distribution program
 - Assisted in establishing and growing an annual Blackfoot River Clean-up
 - Established an FWP Recreation Warden position
 - Provided a bear-proof aluminum can recycling receptacle at Johnsrud
- ***Exercise (Part III) – Developing a List of Recommended Management Actions for Recreationist Behavior in New Reach 6***
 - From the entire list of 15 management actions each committee member was asked to identify the management actions that should be implemented right away and the management actions that should not be implemented right away to address recreationist behavior in Reach 6. [Committee members used stickers (colored dots) to select management actions]. Agency staff members completed the same exercise following the non-agency committee members. This selection process resulted in 7 management actions on the tentative recommendation list, and 5 management actions that the committee will discuss in more depth prior to determining whether they will be recommended.
 - ***Meeting Wrap-up***
 - *Charlie Sperry*
 - The committee examined the list of management actions following the selection process and Charlie explained that the committee would continue with the exercise at the next meeting. Future work will be to develop a completed recommended list for recreationists behavior in Reach 6 and then move forward with other management challenges in other reaches and with developing triggers that could guide the implementation of future management actions.
 - ***Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM***

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING Tuesday, July 22, 2008 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm FWP Region 2 Headquarters 3201 Spurgin Road Missoula</p>
